

HOUSE RESOLUTION 224
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Arnold Air Force Base on the occasion of the institution's 45th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations that have contributed to the progress of this state; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee made available some 34,000 acres which had formerly been the Army's Camp Forrest during World War II as a site for the research and development center and an additional 7, 000 acres were purchased, in which the nation now has a \$6 billion investment with 53 test facilities; 27 are unique in the United States; 13 are unique in the world; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1951, President Harry S. Truman dedicated the new center in honor of General Arnold, the father of the United States Air Force; during his speech at the dedication President Truman foretold the future of AEDC when he said, "The scientists who work here will explore what lies on the other side of the speed of sound"; and

WHEREAS, for the past 45 years, the employees of AEDC have contributed significantly to the national defense of the country and helped give us the technological lead we needed so desperately during the Cold War era; and

WHEREAS, the efforts and achievements of the employees of the Arnold Engineering Development Center by their support and development of world-class technology and expertise contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Bloc; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force, Navy and contractor employees have joined together to form "Team AEDC" and jointly work together to ensure the AEDC becomes the Work Center of Choice for their employees; and

WHEREAS, "Team AEDC" is committed to making this the Test Center of Choice for our customers both here in the United States and foreign countries, and by doing so contributes greatly to the financial health of the local communities and the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary group is committed to being a Model of Environmental Excellence and, recognizing the magnitude of that commitment, has incorporated environmental stewardship as an integral component of day-to-day performance; and

WHEREAS, "Team AEDC", in conjunction with the University of Tennessee, TDEC, EPA and Corps of Engineers, has proven itself to be a good steward of the environment by carefully protecting the wetlands, lakes and creeks; and has generously permitted the equitable use of these resources by the Center and general public; and

WHEREAS "Team AEDC" recognized that its growth and success also impacts the educational well-being of the community and has signed alliances with local institutes of higher learning; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Arnold Air Force Base on the occasion of the institution's 45th anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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